

RAILWAY BUDGET 2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS

- * No hike in passenger fares, freight rates
- * Rs 8.5 lakh crore to be spent in 5 years for modernisation of rail infrastructure
- * To invest Rs 1.21 lakh crore in 2016-17.
- * 3 new super-fast trains -- Humsafar Express, Tejas, Uday
- * Aastha circuit trains to connect important pilgrim centres
- * Super-fast unreserved train Antyodaya Express
- * Deen Dayalu unreserved coaches with water, mobile charging points
- * 50% more lower berth quota for senior citizens
- * By 2020 reserved accommodation on trains on demand
- * 400 stations to have wifi, 100 in next fiscal
- * Eticketing capacity raised to 7,200/min, from 2,000/min
- * CCTV surveillance for all major stations
- * 30,000 bio-toilets in trains by next year
- * Cleaning of coach on demand soon
- * E-booking tickets on concessional passes for journalists
- * Bar-coded tickets, scanners on pilot basis
- * E-ticketing facility on foreign debit/credit cards
- * Sale of tickets through hand held terminals soon
- * Beautification stations at pilgrimage centres, including Ajmer, Puri, Varanasi, Nagapattinam
- * FM Radio stations to provide train borne entertainment
- * Rail Mitra Seva for old and disabled passengers
- * Optional travel insurance for rail passengers

- * Janani Sewa for providing food for children
- * Smart coaches with automatic doors, bio vacuum toilets, improved aesthetics
- * Mobile app to deal with ticketing issues, complaints
- * Information boards in trains, GPS based digital display inside coaches
- * SPV with Japan for Ahmedabad-Mumbai Bullet train
- * Rs 30,000 crore spent on passenger fares.